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LB 1234, 1381

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, due to the fact that this amendment may have a germaneness problem, I would ask the body to help me in considering suspending the rules.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Open on your motion to suspend the rules, Senator Schrock. The motion before the body is to suspend the rules. All in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Remind the body, it does take 30 votes. Have you all voted who care to? It does require 30 votes. Mr. Clerk, record, please.

CLERK: 31 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of the motion to suspend the germaneness rule.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion does pass. The rules are suspended. Senator Schrock to open on your amendment.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I now offer to you AM3324. It contains two bills that came out of the Natural Resources Committee. One was a bill that was introduced by Senator Beutler. The other I introduced on behalf of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality. Senator Beutler's bill is LB 1381. LB 1381 is the Niobrara Scenic River Council, forms the council. The council is composed of 15 people: one person from each of the four county boards, they are Brown County, Cherry County, Keya Paha County, and Rock County; one person from each of the NRDs in the corridor, that's two people; one person from Game and Parks; and the Governor will appoint the following...okay; and one landowner from within the corridor from each county; one person from Fish and Wildlife Service; one representative of a recreational interest; one representative of the timber industry; and one representative of an environmental group. These people will have three-year term limits, and they will be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses, because there will be a small A bill attached to this. The mission of the council is to assist in all aspects of the management of the Niobrara scenic river corridor, to maintain and protect the integrity of the resources while giving consideration and respect to local and governmental input and private landowner rights. Zoning authority within the corridor